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DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING

Mr. Elmer G. Heinrich, President The Rockland Corporation 12320 East Skelly Drive Tulsa, OK 74128

RE:

Rockland Mine Access Road

ML 42844-Clay, DOGM # S/015/018; and ML 42844A-Clay, DOGM # S/015/085

Dear Mr. Heinrich,

I received your letter of August 16, 2000, indicating a desire by The Rockland Corporation to widen and improve the existing access road to the Rockland Mine (S/015/085) rather, than construct an alternate access road. It is my understanding that a portion of the existing access road (from where a gate is installed near the end of the County road) was constructed and is maintained by Miracle Rock Mining & Research (MR2), and also serves access to MR2's underground mine (S/015/018). MR2's access road has grades of 4-10%, crosses a narrow hogback and blindly turns into the portal area of the Miracle Rock Mine.

The Trust Lands Administration is concerned that two different mines using the same narrow access road may pose unacceptable risks to lives and property, especially where the road passes through the portal area of the Miracle Rock Mine. Also, congestion and the amount of time which may be lost in extensively widening or improving the road for use by additional vehicles may interfere with the production schedule of the Miracle Rock Mine.

The Trust Lands Administration will not require MR2 to share its existing access road with the Rockland Mine and encourages the Rockland Corporation to construct an alternate access road, as outlined in my letter of July 12, 2000.

Sincerely,

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John T. Blake

Mineral Resources Specialist

cc:

Tony Gallegos